



Eugene R. Christopher

December 8, 1928 - April 13, 2017

Mayor Eugene R. Christopher, 88, of Union Street, Broadalbin died Thursday evening April 13, 2017 at home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Broadalbin on December 8, 1928 a son of Victor and Clara Crannell Christopher and was a 1945 graduate of Broadalbin High School. In 1947, Gene graduated from Albany Business School. He was a lifelong village resident.

Mr. Christopher was employed at Bigelow-Sandford, formerly of Amsterdam and later at DeLuke Ready-Mix of Scotia. He was the general manager of Electric City Concrete of Scotia, and retired from Cranesville Block Co., as comptroller, in 2008.

Mr. Christopher served the Village of Broadalbin as a trustee beginning in 1976 and was appointed as mayor in 1991 upon the death of then mayor Larry Olmstead. He was elected as mayor in 1992 and served until 2005, choosing not to run for reelection due to heart bypass surgery. In 2007, Eugene was once again elected mayor and continued serving until his death.

Gene was a 50 year member of the Broadalbin United Methodist Church and served as superintendent of Sunday school at one time.

He was a 35 year member of the Kenneytto Fire Company and served seven years with the National Guard.

He was married to Jacqueline Cooker Christopher on May 28, 1950. She died January 30, 2010.

Survivors include his wife, Diana Garrison Christopher, whom he married on March 14, 2015; a son, David (Sharon) Christopher of Cape Coral, FL; a daughter, Carol Mattioni of Gloversville; a brother, Victor J. Christopher, Jr. of Broadalbin; a sister, Vivian Bush of Fort Edward; five grandchildren, Rebecca, Jonathan, Heather, Michael, and Sarah; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 4 – 7 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown. A funeral service will be conducted on Wednesday at 10 am at the funeral home by a former pastor and friend of the family. Burial will follow at the Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the UW Foundation-Cush it to the Limit, in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetary

Broadalbin, NY 12025

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
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Service

APR 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

 Roger Stanton

“ *My deepest sympathy on the passing of Eugene. I'll always have fond memories of your father and mother, especially of going swimming in their pool while visiting my grandparents in Broadalbin. They were always happy and gracious hosts! I'll miss his laugh.*

-Nancy (Stanton) Rogers

Roger Stanton - April 20, 2017 at 10:01 AM

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“ *Please accept our condolences on the passing of Gene. I had the opportunity to get to know Gene through Little League and the BYC. I always enjoyed his positive nature and insight as well as respect for his community service and love of the area.*

Jim Terwilliger and Family

Jim Terwilliger - April 19, 2017 at 07:25 AM

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“ *I worked as the part time operator at the Broadalbin Wastewater Plant several years ago. Mayor Christopher stopped in occasionally to visit. I enjoyed his visits and his point of view on all aspects of life. Although initially he came to the plant in a professional capacity as Mayor, we became friends.*
Gene C.

gene colorito - April 18, 2017 at 01:59 PM

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“ *David and Carol, I'm very sorry about the passing of your Dad. He was a good person. I am out of town, so I'm sorry I won't be able to attend your father's service. Please take care.*

Valerie Fiorillo - April 14, 2017 at 05:42 PM

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*Carol & siblings-
So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was truly a Broadalbin legend.*

Jan DeLilli Swatling - April 17, 2017 at 01:05 AM